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SUBJECT: FRANCE SIGNS ACCORDS WITH GUINEA-BISSAU AND  
CAPE VERDE

1. QUAI ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA CHAUVET TOLD  
US DECEMBER 15 THAT A FRENCH MISSION HEADED BY QUAI  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA REMOVILLE HAD JUST CON-  
CLUDED CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL ACCORDS AND FINANCIAL  
AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. THE LEVEL OF  
ASSISTANCE WILL BE MODEST AND THE FRENCH INTEND TO MOVE  
CAUTIOUSLY, HE SAID.

2. REMOVILLE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WARM RECEPTION AC-  
CORDED THE MISSION IN BOTH CAPITALS AND PLEASANTLY SUR-  
PRISED BY THE QUALITY OF SEVERAL OF HIS INTERLOCUTERS  
WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS INTELLIGENT AND MODERATE IN OUT-  
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LOOK. LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES UNDERLINED THEIR FEAR

OF SEKOU TOURE'S DESIGNS AND THEIR CONCERN TO AVOID  
BEING "SWALLOWED UP" BY GUINEA.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH USUALLY UNSAID, THE QUAI CLEARLY  
HAS A VISION OF CREATING A "LATIN" AFRICA BY BRINGING  
PORTUGAL'S FORMER COLONIES INTO CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH  
FRANC'S EX-COLONIES, JUST AS IT HAS ATTEMPTED TO FORGE  
CLOSE TIES BETWEEN ZAIRE, BURUNDI AND RWANDA AND THE  
OTHER FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN STATES. RECENT EXAMPLES  
OF THIS APPROACH INCLUDE THE APPARENT DECISION NOT TO  
WITHDRAW THE FRENCH VICE CONSUL FROM LUANDA UNLESS HE  
IS FORCED TO LEAVE AND THE OBVIOUS RELIEF OF QUAI  
OFFICIALS THAT THE MOZAMBIKAN GOVERNMENT FINALLY HAS  
INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A FRENCH EMBASSY IN  
LOURENCO MARQUES, PERHAPS IN JANUARY. WHILE PREPARED  
TO PAY A CERTAIN PRICE TO ENLARGE THEIR AFRICAN ORBIT  
TO INCLUDE ALL "LATIN" AFRICAN STATES, THE FRENCH ARE  
MORE INTERESTED, OF COURSE, IN PROFITING FROM THE RE-  
SOURCES OF SOME OF THEM, NOTABLY ANGOLA.  
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